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Peggy, this is what I sent the other Point Board members yesterday:

Dear Mike, Jerry, Tano --

Patrizia DiLucchio is, as you know, very pregnant -- two weeks until B-day -- and very poor. She asked to be paid early for her contributions to MWEC. She did an excellent job, got her work in promptly and neatly, and was cooperative every step of the way. We are giving her an excellent opportunity to make her name as a writer, and we are paying her a fraction of what the work is worth. Certainly no other contributors would object if she got paid early. Do it.

Now she is threatening to get an injunction because she has notified me that we do not have the right to publish her material without paying for it.

I suggest we pay her. Because it's right. And because she's mean enough to fuck with us.

There are others behind her. The contributors are getting the word about the Kirkus review. They are hearing about our optimism. We WANT them to hear about our optimism. We want THEM to be optimistic.

Shake Tom Grady. Bug John Brockman. Get HarperSanFrancisco to fork over muy pronto or else. Pay the fucking contributors ASAP. Shut down the joint, delay the next issue, and sell the computers if you have to. Because if this goes on for one more week, the milk is going to sour. If you launch MWEC with the same kind of bad karma that has plagued Point efforts in past, you are blowing a monstrous hole in the hull of your own boat.

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